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In re Application of: Trapp, et al.)
Application No. 10/065,802)
Filed: November 20, 2002) **DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE**
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR) **SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d)**
SECURE PROCESSING OF SENSITIVE) **AND M.P.E.P. §708.02(XI)**
DATA)

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration (supplemental petition) filed on September 28, 2004 (certification of facsimile transmission under 37 CFR 1.6(d) on July 15, 2004). A petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(XI): Inventions For Countering Terrorism, was filed on October 24, 2003 and subsequently dismissed in the decision mailed on July 7, 2004.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

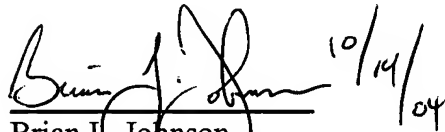
M.P.E.P. §708.02(XI), which sets forth the prerequisites for a grantable petition for Inventions For Countering Terrorism under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), states in relevant part:

International terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2331 includes "activities that - (A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State; [and] (B) appear to be intended - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping..." The types of technology for countering terrorism could include, but are not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems.

Applicants who desire that an application relating to inventions for countering terrorism be made special should file a petition with the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) requesting the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to make the application special. The petition for special status should be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

Petitioner's submission meets the criteria set out above with respect to countering terrorism as in M.P.E.P. § 708.02(XI). Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner of Record for expedited examination. If the application is subsequently allowed, it will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.



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